

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 19, 23, and 24 have been amended to remove multiple claim dependencies. As amended, each of these claims depends directly from a single preceding claim.

Claim 2 has been amended at claim line 3 to replace the phrase "an allelic or species" with --a naturally occurring--. Support for this amendment to claim 2 can be found in the specification, particularly on page 2 at lines 10-11, page 5 at lines 29-31, and page 6 at lines 26-27.

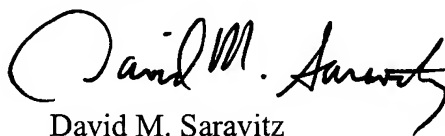
New claims 26 and 27 have been added. These claims are fully supported by original PCT claims 11 and 13, respectively.

The above amendments have been made to more clearly define the invention under United States practice. The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification and original claims, and therefore, do not introduce new matter.

Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-27 are pending.

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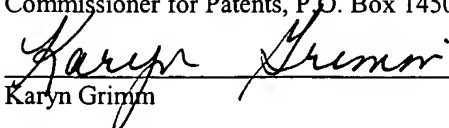
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